



**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will find this community a place where your faith can be nourished. Visit the Parish Center or www.sjwchurch.com.

MASSES

Saturday

8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., English

1:30, 7:30 p.m., Spanish

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m., English

First Friday: 7:30 p.m., Spanish

Holy Days

6:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m., English

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

8:00 p.m., Spanish

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Kevin Rettig

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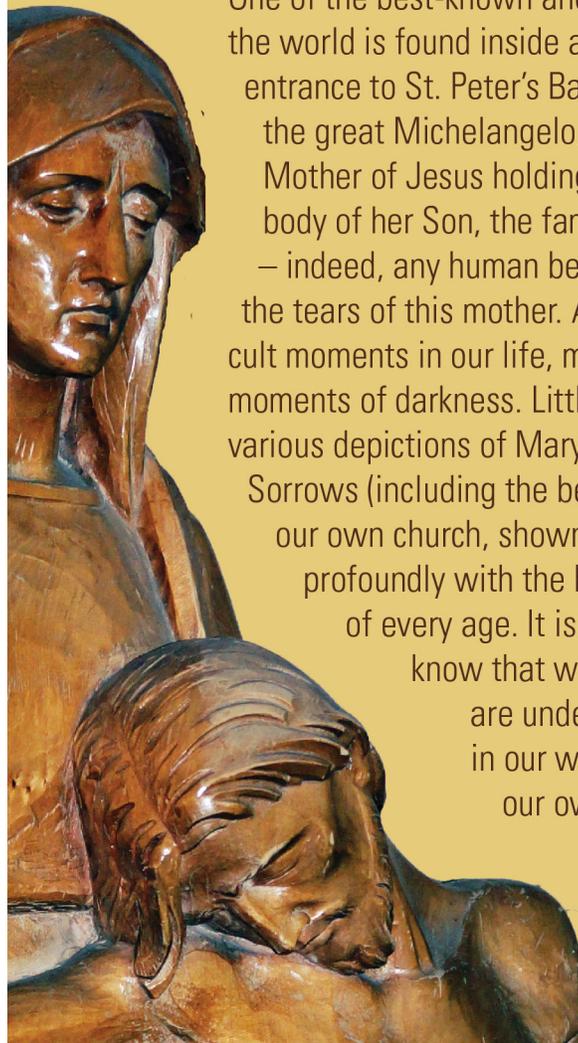
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COMPASSION



One of the best-known and most touching statues in the world is found inside a chapel near the front entrance to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Made by the great Michelangelo, it is the image of the Mother of Jesus holding in her arms the dead body of her Son, the famous "Pietà." Any mother – indeed, any human being – can identify with the tears of this mother. All of us experience difficult moments in our life, moments of sorrow, moments of darkness. Little wonder, then, that the various depictions of Mary as the Mother of Sorrows (including the beautiful wood carving in our own church, shown here) resonate so profoundly with the hearts of women and men of every age. It is somehow comforting to know that we are not alone, that we are understood, that we are loved in our woundedness. Let us allow our own wounded hearts to be molded into hearts of compassion for others!

—Fr. Kevin

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Parish Center Hours: Mon.–Fri.: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 –9:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for a loved one or for another intention, stop by the Parish Center to make arrangements.

- Sunday February 14**
 7:30 a.m. George Javellana (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. David Engman (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Ignacio Martinez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Lam Family (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 p.m. SJW Parishioner (Intentions)
- Monday February 15**
 6:30 a.m. No Mass
 8:30 a.m. Maria Garay Garcia (RIP)
- Tuesday February 16**
 6:30 a.m. Milagros Santiago (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Hernandez Family (RIP)
- Wednesday February 17**
 6:30 a.m. Santos M. Recio (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Ted Ryer (RIP)
- Thursday February 18**
 6:30 a.m. Elena and Ioan Dosa (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Soto Family (RIP)
- Friday February 19**
 6:30 a.m. Anna Luka (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
- Saturday February 20**
 8:30 a.m. Jay Erard (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
- Sunday February 21**
 7:30 a.m. Felicity Francisco (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Bonifacio Agosto (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Angelica Guevara (Birthday)
 5:30 p.m. Ted Concepcion (RIP)
 7:30 p.m. Frankie Arellano (Birthday)



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PARISH LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for this incredibly moving experience during Fridays of Lent.

- 6:00 p.m. English
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish
- 8:00 p.m. Vietnamese

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is on **Wednesday, February 24**, at 7:00 p.m. Many priests available.

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PARISH LIFE

SJW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The St. Joseph the Worker Charismatic Prayer Group invites each and everyone to attend the healing mass every Third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. following praise and worship.

Our celebrant for our scheduled healing mass this coming February 18 is Fr. Bill Adams. All are welcome!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed **Monday, February 15**, due to the President's Day holiday. There will be no 6:30 a.m. Mass.

DONUTS AND COFFEE

Father Kevin and the SJW 8th grade students invite you to stop by the gazebo after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. We have a great selection of fresh donuts along with Peete's coffee, iced and hot tea, hot chocolate and cold bottled water. All items are only \$1.00 each. Thank you

SJW MEMORIAL SOCIETY

St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Society is intended as a meaningful and beautiful way for persons to remember their beloved deceased or to express their condolences to friends who have lost a loved one. Persons enrolled in the Memorial Society will share in the spiritual benefits of special Masses and prayers offered throughout the year, every year. A Mass is offered for those enrolled every first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The enrollment list is kept in the Parish Center and is accessible during office hours. Each memorial is presented in a handsome leatherette folder, containing an enrollment card where the name of the person remembered is inscribed, along with the person who enrolled the deceased. The leatherette folder with personalized enrollment card is particularly suitable on the occasion of a death, to bring to a viewing or funeral, or to send as an anniversary remembrance. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament **every Wednesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. In addition to Wednesdays, there is adoration **every First Friday** of the month in the chapel at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY

The Women's Journey will meet on **Thursday, February 25**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Dining Room. Please join us for great companionship and conversation. For information contact Lupe Vega at (818) 340-7687.

PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

Bring your full tithe to the church so there will be ample provisions in my Church. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. (Malachi 3:10)

Weekly Goal	02/07/16	Last Year	Change
\$20,000	\$14,400	\$16,410	-12.3%

2016 Env \$ 8,476 (58.9%) E-giving \$ 1,467 (10.2 %)

2015 Env \$ 9,570 (58.3%) E-giving \$ 1,438 (8.8 %)

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday–Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

First Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

Grupo de Oración

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. .

Confirmation Process (Grades 9th - 12th)

Year One – Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Year Two – Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Information: Dinh Phan, ext. 1018

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012. See also page 4.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Call the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament of healing is received by those who are seriously ill, approaching serious surgery, or near death. Please contact the Parish Center to arrange a convenient time. If a parishioner who has not been anointed is near death, please call the Parish Center at any hour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, The Foley Family, Irma LeDuff, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, Virginia A. Kahn, Francis Mendoza, Luz Custodio, James Whitehead, Joyce Masloski, Susan Angus, Ramon Avila, Shirley Dougherty, Maryann Gorres, Liza Acedilla, Boy Tay, Teresa and Scott Muller, Efren Marfil, Ditas and Alan Amliapao, Meng and June Rabapo, Mara and Sophia Wuerith, Maria Beltran, Elizabeth Sanchez, Jen Vernon, Edgar Perez De La Rosa, Jeff and Janet Gehl, Rose Clifford, Jack Samalot, Willie Bulan, Anthony Hargan, Coray McManus, Roy Plumley.

If you have a loved one or friend in our parish community who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick please call the Parish Center.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

Lilian de Faugier, aunt of Polly De La Roca

Harold Knight, husband of Mickey Knight



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Information: Karina Villanueva (818) 998-4166

Schedule of Classes

Elementary Grades 1–5 English

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. or

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1–5 Spanish

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Middle School Grades 6–8 English

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Special Education

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

Elementary and High School (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Curious about Catholicism and want to know more? Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Inquiry Classes

Adults (English)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Monday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Youth or Teen 12-18 years (English)

Parish Center Dining Room

Two Wednesdays a month 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (English)

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Room

Two Wednesdays a month 6:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.



EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL NEWS

E-mail: sjwwintk@aol.com (818) 341-6616

For updated news and activities go to:

saintjosephtheworkerschool.net

Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service

Registration for a Quality Catholic Education

If you are not enrolled in Saint Joseph the Worker School (Pre- K through 8th Grades) we are inviting you to think of the opportunities for your child(ren) in a Catholic School. Daily religion classes, and the opportunity to attend Mass are important for growth in faith and knowledge of God’s part in their life now and in the future. Besides growing in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith, they will grow academically with the emphasis on a strong curriculum presented by experienced certified teachers. Besides the academic classes, the students have Art, Music and P.E, which have been eliminated in some Public Schools. Call the school for an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for registration information and to observe the class that you are interest in for an appointment. You can also find registration forms on-line.

St. Joseph The Worker School Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student’s emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student’s needs.

YOUTH NEWS

11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Our 11:30 a.m. Mass is specifically focused on you, the young people of our parish. Please join your friends and peers at this Sunday celebration. We invite you also to take an active part in these Masses by being an usher, greeter, lector, choir member, or Eucharistic minister.

Confirmation

Confirmation sessions are on Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall.

Year One Session: Tuesday, February 16

Year Two Session: Tuesday, February 23

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan at the Parish Center.



PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

Our Gift shop is open on Sundays 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Great gifts for any occasion!

TUNA SUNDAY

Your gift of a large can of tuna or cash goes directly and immediately to the poor and the needy. Within 48 hours, your generosity becomes a nourishing hot meal for hungry and often homeless people living on skid row. With more cans of tuna this delicious dish could be served more than just one day a week. The large four to five pound cans of tuna are available at Smart and Final and Costco. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Your food donation is very well appreciated. Please bring the items to the Parish Center at any time. When making donations to the needy of the parish in the blue/green envelopes located in the pews, please make checks payable to: *The Saint Vincent de Paul Society*.

For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 773-1864.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Electronic dating violence is prevalent among teens. Teenagers do a lot of communicating online and via mobile devices through social media and texting. Entire relationships can be shaped formed over the internet and messaging, and the private nature of these relationships may make it easy to hide signs of abuse and violence. Dating violence means any act of mental, emotional or physical aggression among a couple sharing an intimate relationship. Online, these acts are harder to pinpoint, especially for adult outsiders whose children may be victims of emotional dating abuse. Ask your teens about their relationships, and how their partners treat them online and in person. For a copy of the article "Electronic Dating Violence Among

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2016

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us **February 26 - 28** at the Anaheim Convention Center. If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All are welcome to attend! The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

We offer 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - there is a topic of interest for you. In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.

Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook contact Karina Villanueva at the Parish Center or call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy of a Registration Guidebook.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,
You called chosen men
To be with you, to preach the
Good news of salvation and to
Have authority over the powers
Of darkness. Send your Holy Spirit
Upon the men you have chosen
For the priestly ministry. May they
Answer your call and follow you
With generous hearts.
Amen

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

A televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family Channel from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape it or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend **February 26-28** at the Best Western Canoga Park. Contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805-648-4244 or go online at www.twocanlove.org. We help make good marriages better.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information call (661) 257-7980 or email: ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

VALLEY FAMILY CENTER

Valley Family Center is located in the city of San Fernando. All services are in English and Spanish. Counseling services include: Marriage, family and child. Special groups: Teen girls, children 5 - 12, children of divorced couples, victims of abuse, children's bereavement group, parenting educational classes, domestic violence perpetrator groups (as needed) Learning Center: tutorial, basic skill building for children and teens. Sliding scale fees. Call to make an appointment (818) 365-8588.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Violencia electrónica de noviazgo prevalece entre adolescentes

Los adolescentes pueden tener mucha comunicación en línea y a través de aparatos móviles por medio de las redes sociales y por textos. Relaciones enteras pueden desarrollarse sobre la Internet y los servicios de mensajes electrónicos, y la naturaleza privada de estas relaciones puede hacer más fácil esconder signos de abuso y violencia. La violencia entre novios incluye cualquier acto de agresión mental, emocional o física entre una pareja que comparte una relación íntima. En línea, estos actos son más difíciles de señalar, especialmente para los adultos afuera de estas comunicaciones, cuyos hijos pueden ser víctimas de abuso emocional entre novios. Pregunte a sus hijos adolescentes sobre sus relaciones, y cómo los tratan sus parejas en línea y en persona. Para una copia del artículo "Electronic Dating Violence Among Teens" (Violencia electrónica de noviazgo entre adolescentes) envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

GRUPO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS

"Nueva Generación" (Mayores de 21 años)

Te invitamos a venir al Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton del Centro de Conferencias. Para información comunícate con Oscar Lima (818) 425-5263; Guadalupe Martínez (818) 855-3782.

OFICINA CERRADA

Les informamos que la oficina parroquial y todos los salones estarán cerrados mañana **lunes 15 de febrero** por el feriado de Día de los Presidentes. Sólo tendremos una misa en inglés a las 8:30 de la mañana.



VIDA PARROQUIAL

VIA CRUCIS

El Via Crucis en español será todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en el templo empezando el 12 de febrero.

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

El 24 de febrero es nuestro Servicio Penitencial empezando a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Tendremos muchos sacerdotes confesando en diferentes idiomas. No pierda la oportunidad de prepararse para la Pascua.

JESÚS Y EL DEMONIO

Como nos recuerda el Evangelio de hoy, el demonio tentó a Jesús con citas de la Sagrada Escritura: haz un milagro que te convenga. Véndete. Deslumbra a tus oyentes; el pueblo es ingenuo y novelero. Camina por estas sendas fáciles. El tentador trata de llevar a Jesús por la senda fácil pero resbalosa, ofreciéndole las soluciones fáciles pero falsas que siempre están a la mano. El demonio sabe lo que es bueno, pero no tiene la capacidad de hacer lo que es bueno, y menos aún de *ser* bueno. El demonio es la personificación del Mal, e intuye en Jesús la presencia más fuerte, y más genuinamente atractiva, de la santidad.

El Evangelio de este domingo nos muestra al Mal expuesto y desenmascarado. Satanás sabe que se le ha acabado el juego. Hoy Jesús comienza a deshacer su tejido de mentiras, y a sanar a las almas, y al mundo entero. Y en este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a participar en esta labor de renovación, de nueva creación, y a dejar que Cristo nos sane. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Las cenizas que se nos pusieron en la frente el miércoles pasado ya están borradas, pero las palabras que nos dijeron deben sonar aún en nuestras almas. Tradicionalmente se dice: "Recuerda que del polvo venimos y al polvo retornaremos." Y aunque hoy en muchos lugares se dice: "Convértete y cree en el Evangelio" el mensaje para oídos latinos es el mismo. Es un mensaje que nos saca de nuestro egoísmo recordándonos lo que los antiguos Toltecas ya sabían: esta vida es un sueño y el que muere despierta a la vida verdadera. Viviendo el Evangelio en esta vida nos prepara para la vida eterna.

Las cenizas y esas frases dan un mensaje que lleva la imagen de la tierra que se somete para cultivarse. A veces la tierra se quema para que de sus cenizas venga vida nueva. Las cenizas que se nos pusieron no son para despreciar nuestra vida sino para amarla. De esa manera seremos cultivados por el ayuno, la oración y la caridad que hagamos durante la Cuaresma, sometiendo el polvo de nuestro cuerpo para dar fruto eterno.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Si vive en el área de la parroquia o aunque no viva en el área viene a misa aquí, es muy importante que se registre. Puede recoger una forma en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial. Si se registra será más fácil para nosotros ayudarle sea con una carta, misa o preparación de algún sacramento. Gracias.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

St. Joseph the Worker is a special place, where we are touched daily by God's presence among us. Rooted in the legacy of our founding parishioners, we have become the dynamic faith community we cherish today. A gift to the future of our parish will support its spiritual richness and many good works for generations to come.

Please remember St. Joseph the Worker in your will or trust. To learn more about planned giving opportunities that can benefit St. Joseph the Worker, please contact the Parish Center or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs. Archdiocese of Los Angeles: (213) 637-7472; HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org; www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc.

To make a gift: Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

PARISH REGISTRATION

To promote a spirit of belonging, we encourage all who worship here to become registered parishioners. Having registered makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education enrollment, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and funerals. Simply attending Mass here does not make you a registered parishioner. Please call or visit the Parish Center to request a registration form or complete the form online at the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com. Also, please contact the Parish Center if you have a new address or phone number. The staff is able to serve you better if the parish records are accurate.

REQUESTING USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available to another group. Also, if your group needs a particular room arrangement, please bring a copy of the requested floor plan to the Parish Center a week ahead.

BULLETIN AND MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline (strictly observed) for submission of Bulletin and Mass announcements is the previous Monday at noon. Deliver a copy of the bulletin or Mass announcement to the Parish Center or email it to Angela Escobar: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com. To submit a photo to accompany the bulletin text, send a digital file (jpeg or TIF), color or black/white, 300 dpi. See the front cover for the parish mailing address and fax number. For more information please contact Angela Escobar, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.

LENT at St. Joseph the Worker



Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, February 24
7:00 p.m., in the church

Stations of the Cross – Via Crucis

Every Friday during Lent, in the church
6:00 p.m., English
7:00 p.m., Spanish
8:00 p.m., Vietnamese

Vietnamese Community Lent Retreat

Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Conference Center Hall

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

*An Afternoon of Prayer with Bishop Joseph V. Brennan
Auxiliary Bishop, San Fernando Pastoral Region*
February 6, 1:00 p.m.

St. John Baptist de la Salle Church
Rite of Sending and Enrollment of Names
February 14, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rite of Election
February 14
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 3:30 p.m.

Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion
February 21
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 3:00 p.m.

First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed
February 28, 9:30 a.m. Mass

Second Scrutiny
March 6, 11:30 a.m. Mass
Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
March 13, 9:30 a.m. Mass



LUNAR NEW YEAR'S PARTY

— THIS SUNDAY —

New Year's Mass 5:30 p.m.
Party Follows
Conference Center Hall



FOOD ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC **Celebration of Tết Vietnamese New Year Everyone is welcome!** **FUN FOR CHILDREN FREE**